



3763

Please type a plus sign inside this box

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

PTO/SB/21 (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

TRANSMITTAL FORM <i>(to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)</i>		Application Number 09/927,891
		Filing Date August 10, 2001
		First Named Inventor Jim Feeley
		Group A Unit 3736
		Examiner Name Not Yet Assigned
Total Number of Pages in This Submission 5	5	Attorney Docket Number 59184/P002US/10026564

ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

<input type="checkbox"/> Fee Transmittal Form <input type="checkbox"/> Fee Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> After Final <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavits/declaration(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Request <input type="checkbox"/> Express Abandonment Request <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53	<input type="checkbox"/> Assignment Papers (for an Application) <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Licensing-related Papers <input type="checkbox"/> Petition <input type="checkbox"/> Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application <input type="checkbox"/> Power of Attorney, Revocation <input type="checkbox"/> Change of Correspondence Address <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Refund <input type="checkbox"/> CD, Number of CD(s) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> After Allowance Communication to Group <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Board of Appeals and Interferences <input type="checkbox"/> Appeal Communication to Group (Appeal Notice, Brief, Reply Brief) <input type="checkbox"/> Proprietary Information <input type="checkbox"/> Status Letter <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below) 27 cited references attached
Remarks		

RECEIVED

SEP 17 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

Firm or Individual Name FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P. William B. Tiffany, Reg. No. 41,347
Signature
Date September 11, 2002

Transmittal

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: September 11, 2002

Signature:
(Joy H. Perigo)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231, on the date shown below.

Dated: September 11, 2002

Signature:

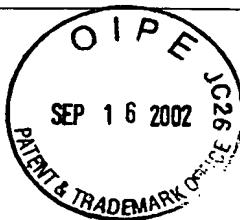
Joy H. Perito

*L. Parks
12-12-02
114/575*
Docket No.:
59184/P002US/10026564
(PATENT)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Jim Feeley, et al.

Application No.: 09/927,891



Group Art Unit: 3736

Filed: August 10, 2001

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

For: A BTE/CIC AUDITORY DEVICE AND
MODULAR CONNECTOR SYSTEM
THEREFOR

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO/SB/08. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits as far as is known to the undersigned.

A copy of each reference on PTO/SB/08 is attached.

A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is:

not given

given for each listed item

given for only non-English language listed items

*RECEIVED
SEP 17 2002
TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700*

[] in the form of an English language copy of a Search Report from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references

While the information and references disclosed in this Information Disclosure Statement may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, it is not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to therein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists. It is submitted that the Information Disclosure Statement is in compliance with 37 CFR 1.98 and the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the listed references.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 59184-P002US-10026564.

Dated: September 11, 2002

Respectfully submitted,

By William B. Tiffany
William B. Tiffany
Registration No.: 41,347
FULBRIGHT & JAWORSKI L.L.P.
2200 Ross Avenue
Suite 2800
Dallas, Texas 75201
(214) 855-8000
(214) 855-8200 (Fax)
Attorneys for Applicant

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box



Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031
U. S. Patent and Trademark Office: U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

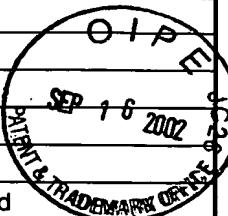
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet	1	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	59184/P002US/10026564
-------	---	----	---	------------------------	-----------------------

Complete if Known

Application Number	09/927,891
Filing Date	August 10, 2001
First Named Inventor	Jim Feeley
Group Art Unit	3736
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned



U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code ² (if known)			
A	3,068,954	B1		Strzalkowski	12-18-1962	
B	3,123,678	B1		J. G. Prentiss et al.	03-03-1964	
C	3,688,863	B1		Johnson	09-05-1972	see column 2, line 2 - column 68; figures 1,2
D	3,890,474	B1		Glicksberg	06-17-1975	see abstract; figures
E	4,089,332	B1		Rose	05-16-1978	
F	4,606,329	B1		Hough	08-19-1986	
G	5,381,484	B1		Claes et al.	01-10-1995	see column 1, line 41 - line 63; figure 1
H	5,606,621	B1		Reiter et al.	02-25-1997	
I	5,721,783			Anderson	02-24-1998	
J	5,987,146	B1		Pluvinage et al.	11-16-1999	
K	6,021,207	B1		Puthuff et al.	02-01-2000	
L	6,181,801	B1		Puthuff et al.	01-30-2001	
M	6,275,596	B1		Fretz et al.	08-14-2001	

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. ¹	Foreign Patent Document			Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-DD-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T ⁶
		Office ³	Number ⁴	Kind Code ⁵ (if known)				
N	EP	0 158 391		A1	N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken	10-16-1985		
O	EP	0 158 391		B1	N.V. Philips' Gloeilampenfabrieken	10-16-1985	see page 6, line 30 - page 7, line 23; figures	
P	DE	35 08 830		A1	Robert Bosch GmbH	09-18-1986		
Q	FR	2.058.156		A1	Tomatis	05-28-1971	see page 2, line 13 - page 3, line 11; figure	
R	JP	62/1987-151100		B1	Nonomura - Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd.	07-06-1987	includes translation	
S	DE	3638747		C1	AS Audio Service GmbH	10-08-1987		
T	DE	3625891		A1	Robert Bosch GmbH	02-04-1988		
U	EP	0 695 108		A2	Bruckhoff Apparatebau GmbH	01-31-1996		
V	WO	92 13430		A1	Adelman Roger A	08-06-1992	see page 11, line 9 - line 32; figure 3B see page 25, line 35 - page 26, line 7	

Examiner Signature	Date Considered
--------------------	-----------------

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²See attached Kinds of U. S. Patent Documents. ³Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the application number of the patent document. ⁵Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

RECEIVED
SEP 17 2002
TFC

U. S. Patent and Trademark Office, U. S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

<p>Substitute for form 1449A/PTO</p> <p>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</p> <p><i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i></p>				<p>Complete if Known</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>Application Number</td> <td>09/927,891</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Filing Date</td> <td>August 10, 2001</td> </tr> <tr> <td>First Named Inventor</td> <td>Jim Feeley</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Group Art Unit</td> <td>3736</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Examiner Name</td> <td>Not Yet Assigned</td> </tr> </table> <p>Sheet 2 of 2 Attorney Docket Number 59184/P002US/10026564</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>O I P E</i> <i>SEP 16 2002</i> <i>PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE</i></p>	Application Number	09/927,891	Filing Date	August 10, 2001	First Named Inventor	Jim Feeley	Group Art Unit	3736	Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
Application Number	09/927,891													
Filing Date	August 10, 2001													
First Named Inventor	Jim Feeley													
Group Art Unit	3736													
Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned													

OTHER PRIOR ART – NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Signature		Date Considered	
-----------------------	--	--------------------	--

*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹Unique citation designation number. ²Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached

RECEIVED

SEP 17 2002

TECHNOLOGY CENTER Bozen